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DETROIT MUSEUM OF ART FOUNDERS SOCIETY

On February 6, 1920, at a special meeting of the Detroit Museum of Art Corporation and its members, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, all of the property and collections of the Detroit Museum of Art, with the exception of its invested trust funds, have been conveyed and transferred to the City of Detroit, to be administered by the newly created Arts Commission of the City of Detroit, and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that the following enumerated objects can be obtained by the continuance of the present corporation, i. e.,

- (a) To promote public interest in, and appreciation of art in Detroit.
- (b) To co-operate in every way with the Detroit Institute of Arts, and to augment its collections from membership funds and contributions.
- (c) To administer the funds and endowments now in the hands of the corporation, and to encourage and administer future gifts and legacies.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this corporation, with its memberships and funds, be continued.

At the same meeting the words, "Founders Society," were added to the name of the corporation, making it Detroit Museum of Art Founders Society, and the by-laws were amended to conform therewith.

It was the sense of the meeting that inasmuch as the Arts Commission of the City of Detroit has no provision for a membership upon which it can call for support, that the old corporation could accomplish a very important and beneficial service as an organization of so-called "friends" of the newly created municipal Institute of Arts.

At a subsequent meeting of the trustees, officers of the Detroit Museum of Art Founders Society were elected as follows:

D. M. Ferry, Jr., President

J. J. Crowley, Vice-President

William J. Gray, Treasurer

Clyde H. Burroughs, Secretary

Plans are now under way for increasing the membership of the Founders Society, the contributions to be used for augmenting the collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The officers of the Founders Society have set out to secure twenty-five members who will subscribe \$1,000 a year for five years, and at least one hundred members who will give \$100 a year. We hope that the plans of the Detroit Museum of Art Founders Society will meet with the hearty approval and substantial support of every reader of the bulletin. A subscription blank is enclosed herewith on which you are asked to pledge your support of the Founders Society and the growth of the museum collections.

The following by-laws were adopted at the February meeting:

BY-LAWS OF THE
DETROIT MUSEUM OF ART FOUNDERS SOCIETY

I.

NAME

This corporation shall be known in law as the "Detroit Museum of Art," but so far as possible the subtitle "Founders Society" shall be added thereto.

II.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be the following classes of membership:

A. Benefactors, who shall contribute to the corporation in money or property \$10,000 or over.

B. Fellows, who shall contribute to the corporation in money or property \$5,000.

C. Life Members, who shall contribute to the corporation in money or property \$1,000.

D. Honorary Members, who shall be elected because of their standing as artists of national or international prominence, or because of their distinguished service to the corporation or their promotion of the fine arts; and who shall have all the rights and privileges of the corporation.

E. Sustaining Members, who shall contribute to the corporation \$100 annually.

F. Annual Members, who shall contribute to the corporation \$10 annually.

When the contributions of any member shall reach a sum total of

\$1,000 in money or property he or she shall become ipso facto a governing member of the corporation.

III.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first Friday of June in each year at such hour and place as shall be ordered by the trustees; due notice thereof shall be given in writing, mailed to the last known address of each member as shown on the records of the corporation at least ten days prior to said meeting.

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the corporation.

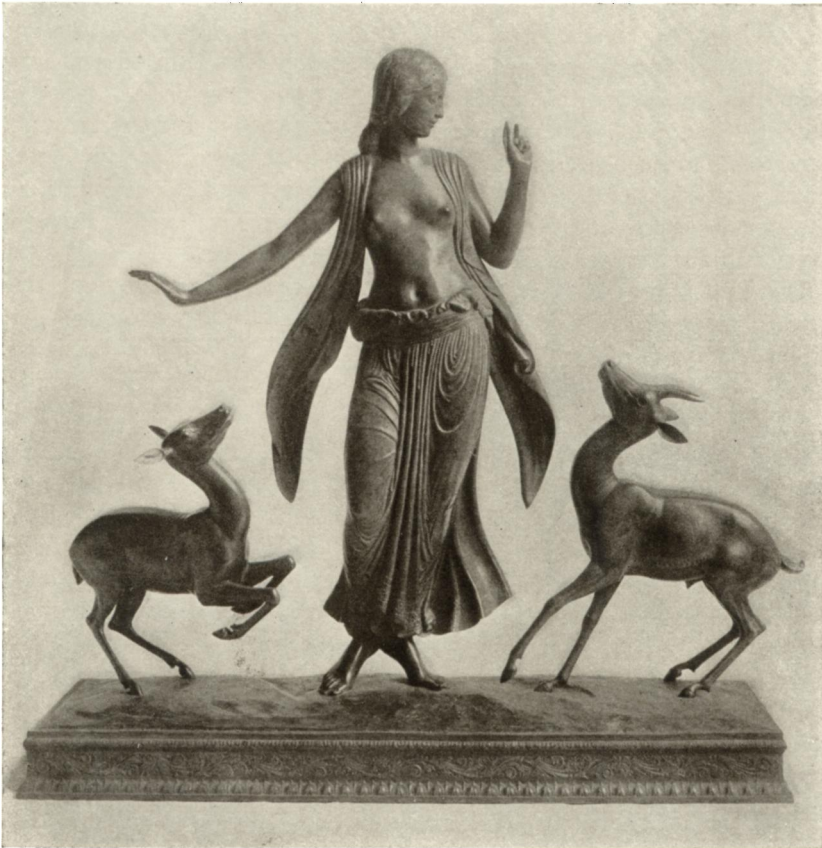
SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the corporation may be called at any time by the Board of Trustees, and shall be called whenever not less than five members of the corporation shall so request in writing. The Secretary shall give not less than six days' notice of a special meeting and the object of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Such notices to be sent in the same manner as provided for annual meetings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at annual meetings of the corporation shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll Call
- (2) Reading of the Minutes



DANCER AND GAZELLES, BY PAUL MANSHIP
GEORGE G. BOOTH COLLECTION, PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM.

- (3) Reports of the Officers
- (4) Reports of the Committees
- (5) Unfinished Business
- (6) New Business
- (7) Election of Trustees
- (8) Adjournment

IV.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees,

twelve in number, nine of whom shall be elected from members of the corporation and three of whom shall be appointed from resident free holders of the city of Detroit by the aldermen of the city, upon the nomination of the mayor. Said Trustees shall serve for four years and until their successors are elected or appointed and shall be so classified that three members shall be chosen each year.

QUORUM

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Board of Trustees. In case of no quorum, at any time of said meetings any number of Trustees, not less than three, may act and, on the approval in writing of a sufficient number of Trustees to constitute a quorum, the action of said meeting shall be binding and legal.

OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees shall at a meeting held immediately after the annual meeting elect a President, Vice-President and Treasurer, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualify. The President and Vice-President shall be elected from the Board of Trustees but the Treasurer may be elected from members of the corporation.

The Board of Trustees shall at the same meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be, elect or hire a Secretary and other officers and employees as they shall deem necessary, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board. Their duties shall be prescribed and their compensation fixed by the Board.

V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; to appoint all Standing Committees not otherwise provided

for; to sign all warrants upon the Treasurer; to sign any other communications and instruments that may require his official signature. He shall prepare and present to the members of the corporation at their annual meeting in June a report covering the activities of the Board for the current year. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

In case of the absence of the President, or his inability to act, it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to fulfill all the functions of the President.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all endowment funds, securities and such other funds as may be collected, and shall hold and disburse same in accordance with the instructions of the Board. He shall deposit all moneys belonging to the corporation in such bank as the Board shall designate, said moneys to be deposited to the account of The Detroit Museum of Art Founders Society. All checks drawn on said account shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Secretary. The Treasurer shall give such bond for the faithful discharge of his duty as may be required by the Board. He shall keep true books of account, make such reports as are required by the Board, and said books shall at all times be open to inspection by any of the Trustees and city authorities. The Treasurer may at any time be removed by the vote of a majority of the whole Board.



MARBLE BUST, "REVERIE," BY ELIE NADELMAN
PURCHASED FROM THE INCOME OF THE WILLIAM C. YAWKEY,
OCTAVIA W. BATES AND HENRY A. HARMON FUNDS

The Secretary shall keep a record in permanent form of all meetings of the Board; he shall also be Secretary of all Committees and faithfully record all proceedings thereof; he shall conduct the correspondence of the Board and be custodian of the records and seal of the corporation. Under his direction a record of the property, works of art, funds and bequests acquired by the corporation shall be faithfully kept. The Secretary shall report at the annual meeting the progress of the corporation from the preceding year. He shall, with the President, sign all warrants upon the Treasurer and all minutes of meetings after they are approved by the Board, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the Secretary. The Secretary may at any time be removed by a vote of a majority of the Board.

VI.

COMMITTEES

There shall be, if the Board so directs, an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the Chairman of each of the standing Committees. There shall be, if the Board so directs, the following standing committees of three members each:

Art Committee

Finance Committee

Membership Committee

and such other committees as may be deemed necessary.

The Committees shall be subject to the call of their respective chairmen and notice thereof shall be given to each member a reasonable time before the date of holding such meeting.

VII.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall have for its special function the consideration of all interests of the corporation not specifically consigned to any other of the standing committees. It shall be subject to such conditions and limitations as the Board of Trustees may from time to time impose, have and exercise the powers of the Board of Trustees while that body is not in session.

The Art Committee shall make recommendations concerning the selection of works of art for purchase, and the acceptance or rejection of donations, other than money and the purchase of works of art will not be considered by the Board without the approval of this Committee.

The Finance Committee shall make recommendations for the raising of funds: for the investment of endowment funds, gifts, devises and bequests in that class of securities which the laws of the State of Michigan make legal for the Savings Banks. They shall make recommendations regarding ways and means.

The Membership Committee



THE HAMMERMAN, BY CONSTANTIN MEUNIER
PURCHASED BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION

shall make recommendations on all questions concerning membership in the corporation and the securing of same.

VIII.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Friday of each month at such time and place as shall be designated in the call.

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President, and shall be called at any time upon the written request of three members of the Board, by

giving due notice at least twenty-four hours prior thereto, stating the object of the call, and no business other than that for which the meeting is called shall be transacted.

The order of business at regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll Call.
- (2) Reading of the Minutes.
- (3) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (4) Reports of Special Committees.
- (5) New Business.
- (6) Adjournment.

